

THE WEATHER

For Brownsville and the Valley: Partly cloudy to cloudy Thursday night and Friday, probably with local showers; not much change in temperature.

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IN OUR VALLEY

AN OPTIMIST, this man was whom we heard talking yesterday. An optimist, in our humble opinion, being a man who dares to see things as they are.

Makes his plans accordingly. Hits the ball, does his best, and keeps sweet through it all.

He admitted that the good flush days were gone. Said it probably was a good thing. But at that, was kind of sorry.

Also said that if this period of slackness had to come, it was a good thing to have it come and get over.

And opined that it was about to begin to quit.

Thought that perhaps the next two or three months would see the crisis.

Likening our present difficulties to a case of typhoid fever.

After the crisis hits, you remember, the patient either recovers or...

And we are bound to recover, said he.

No one can or would deny the fundamental soundness of the United States.

As the president pointed out, our great diversity of resources assures the maintenance of our economic structure.

To put it bluntly—we have the stuff.

If we will but show it.

AND THIS OPTIMIST of ours brought the talk closer to home.

Said he had never been as optimistic regarding this Valley of ours as he is today.

He sees good times coming to the Valley in superabundance.

For the Valley has the stuff.

The stuff that rests on other sections want.

Our country is fundamentally sound.

Our foundation has been strongly built.

Our structures are erected along the right lines.

No depression can take away from us the natural resources which the Almighty has given us.

The greatest assets we possess are those immune to any economic disease which may strike.

Unassailable by the vagaries or the whims or the fancies of human hands.

WE GLEANED A moral from our friend.

Who is one of the Valley's BIG men.

Probably knowing the economic and financial groundwork of the Valley as no one else.

And the moral is: Don't rock the boat.

Keep steady.

Know your stuff, do your best.

Face the future with confidence.

If there are any lessons to be learned from the past and present take them to heart.

But above all, get to work in supreme assurance that the future holds great things in store for you and your Valley.

MANY OF OUR Brownsville and Valley folk take advantage of the good things at their disposal.

Many more do not.

Referring more specifically to the 12th Cavalry at Ft. Brown.

And the most interesting spectacles they offer practically every week.

Have you heard the band play?

You have missed something, if the answer is "no."

Lovers of music are missing something when they do not take these opportunities of hearing the world's best music, played by an expert military band under a most capable leader.

And if you have not seen the mounted formations staged by the 12th, you have missed something else again.

He and the force with which he is surrounded are to be commended on their work.

As the Valley Farmer enters upon its 5th year, we wish it the good fortune it deserves.

Early Credit Corporation Formation Seen

BANKS ASSURE SUPPORT OF HOOVER PLAN

Institution to Have Director From Each Reserve Unit

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8. (AP)—Pres. Hoover was informed today by Gov. Harrison of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York that the proposed \$500,000,000 credit corporation was expected to be incorporated within the next 48 hours.

Harrison told the president that steps were being made in setting up the institution. Details of the completed proposal, he said, would be laid before every clearing house and every banking group in the country at once.

It was said at the White House that the institution would have a board of twelve directors, one from each of the federal reserve districts. The directors and the man to head this group have not been named.

Many assurances of banking support for the \$500,000,000 corporation already have been forwarded to Pres. Hoover.

It was said the institution would not be sectional in any sense but would be entirely national in character.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8. (AP)—Pres. Hoover reached back four years today to reiterate his theory of foreign loans, the following of which, he said, would have smoothed many a bump from the world's economic path.

Addressing the fourth Pan American commercial conference, the president recalled his plea that foreign loans be made only for "productive purposes," delivered before the same conference in 1927.

Then he was secretary of commerce.

"I repeat this today," the president said, "because had it been followed during these past five years our problems throughout the world would be far different, our difficulties infinitely less."

Expanding upon this idea, Mr. Hoover said he believed this constituted "a lesson from this depression."

He repeated part of his four-year-old address which said that "if nations would do away with the lending of money for the balancing of budgets for purposes of military equipment or for other purposes, or even that type of public works which does not bring some direct or indirect productive return—a great number of blessings would follow to the entire world."

Turning to present day affairs, Mr. Hoover told the Pan American delegates the American theory of government required that commercial enterprise, except as a rare emergency action, be essentially a private undertaking.

"The sole function of government," he said, "is to bring about conditions of affairs favorable to the beneficial development of private development."

Amos 'n' Andy Are Blamed for Riot

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., Oct. 8. (AP)—On top of all their other troubles, Amos 'n' Andy today were blamed by federal prison authorities here for a disturbance among the convicts which ceased early today after looting, catcalling and the smashing of window lights.

Abandonment of daylight saving time was a trademark of the pair in causing the disorder, the authorities said.

Heretofore the prisoners have been permitted to follow the vicissitudes of the proprietors of the Fresh Air Taxi company, which began at 9 p. m. central standard time.

However, with the abandonment of daylight saving time in favor of standard, the program does not go on the air until 10 p. m. central standard time, forty-five minutes after the radio must be shut off in accordance with prison rules.

Ball Trial On

HOUSTON, Oct. 8. (AP)—Testimony in the trial of Col. Thomas H. Ball, indicted July 30 for the alleged theft of \$222,827.76 in Houston port commission warrants in connection with a ship channel land purchase in 1927, started in Judge Langston King's court today.

The first witness was Herbert James Frenley in charge of franchise tax records in the office of the secretary of state at Austin.

Bridges Contracted

AUSTIN, Oct. 8. (AP)—Bridge projects estimated to cost \$229,000 will be placed under contract at a meeting of the Texas highway commission Oct. 19 and 20, G. G. Wickline, chief bridge engineer, said today.

Snow Makes Season Debut

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Oct. 8. (AP)—The first general snow of the season has fallen in Wyoming and South Dakota.

Wyoming mountain peaks were covered by a foot or more of snow today. Lowland vegetation was responding to a welcome increase in soil moisture. Grazing land needed moisture.

The white flakes melted as fast as they fell in the lower altitudes. The lowest temperature reading recorded was 30 degrees in Yellowstone National Park.

The forecast was generally fair weather today with rising temperatures for both states.

AUTUMN WEATHER REACHES OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 8. (AP)—Autumn weather reached Oklahoma today to the accompaniment of rain, hail and electrical storms.

Motor cars, trees and houses were somewhat damaged by hail at Purcell. Other localities in the south-central part of the state had good rains.

MERCURY DROPS TO 60 AT TULSA

TULSA, Okla., Oct. 8. (AP)—An overnight drop of 38 degrees in temperature sent Tulsans shivering to work today after perspiring yesterday in 98 degree weather.

The lowest recording today was 60 degrees, brought by rain and a north wind.

JAILED TEXAN TRIES SUICIDE

Reputed Wealthy Property Owner Butts Head Against Bars

DALLAS, Oct. 8. (AP)—William Davis, 59, reputedly wealthy Dallas property owner, head in the county jail here on charges of assault to murder for the wounding of two Dallas business men Monday, was seriously injured in his cell today when he repeatedly butted his head against the barred door in what Jailer Jack Gorman declared a suicide attempt.

The jailer was forced to bind Davis after the prisoner had bled by cutting his scalp against the bars. He was closely guarded in the hospital ward to prevent further injury.

Prisoners in the cell said Davis paced the floor during the morning, muttering to himself. They paid little attention to his actions until he suddenly ran at the cell door, head forward. He made three lunges before being subdued.

Davis was charged with shooting Arthur Wolfe, 38, and Charles Stephan, 40, at their office. Stephan's condition was critical. Wolfe was shot in the neck.

The shooting was precipitated by a tentative real estate transaction involving property owned by Davis and from which he expected to realize about \$100,000. After the shooting he told officers he was being defrauded, but failed to disclose the details of the allegedly unsatisfactory deal.

Hall Asks Tax Collecting Job

Suggesting that his office take over the duties of collecting delinquent county taxes, a job now contracted to the firm of Pat and Duto, County Attorney Marvin Hall Thursday asked the commissioners' court for an assistant to aid in this work.

The commissioners deferred action in the matter to the next meeting which will be held Monday morning.

Floodway systems and the question of building additional cells in the county jail also were discussed by the commissioners. Action was deferred.

Man Found Hanged

AMARILLO, Oct. 8. (AP)—Theodore Theodens, 61-year-old carpenter, was found hanging by a steel grass rope from a gas pipe in the basement of a church today. He had been dead several hours. The coroner returned a verdict of "suicide by hanging."

Well Comes In

CORPUS CHRISTI, Oct. 8. (AP)—Roark No. 1 well, owned by the Keyple production company, came in west of Corpus Christi last night with an estimated flow of over 2,000 barrels. Preliminary tests showed the oil to be 24 per cent gravity.

43 Cars Move

(Special to The Herald.) HARLINGEN, Oct. 8.—Citrus fruit shipments out of the Valley today were 43 cars, bringing to 310 the total for the season.

ESTIMATE OF 1932 COTTON CROP HIKED

Government Bureau Sets Production Over Last Month

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8. (AP)—Cotton production this year, as indicated by conditions Oct. 1, was estimated by the department of agriculture today at 16,284,000 bales, compared with 15,685,000 bales indicated a month ago and 13,932,000 bales ginned last year.

The condition of the crop Oct. 1 was 69.2 per cent of a normal, compared with 68.0 per cent a month ago, 53.5 per cent on Oct. 1 last year and 53.3 per cent, the ten-year Oct. 1 average.

Indicated yield of lint is placed at 19.5 pounds per acre, compared with 14.7 pounds last year and 15.4 pounds, the ten-year average.

The acreage for picking this year is placed at 40,889,000 acres, the abandonment after July 1, having been 1.5 per cent of the planted acre, age.

The condition on Oct. 1 and indicated production by states: Texas, condition 69 per cent of normal, and 5,100,000 bales; Virginia, 80 per cent and production 29,000 bales; North Carolina 75 and 730,000; South Carolina 68 and 929,000; Georgia 65 and 1,350,000; Florida 76 and 36,000; Missouri 88 and 246,000; Tennessee 77 and 536,000; Alabama 68 and 1,385,000; Mississippi 63 and 1,740,000; Louisiana 69 and 850,000; Oklahoma 63 and 1,195,000; Arkansas 80 and 1,750,000; New Mexico 87 and 94,000; Arizona 80 and 123,000; California 82 and 174,000; all other states 83 and 7,000.

COTTON GINNINGS UNDER LAST YEAR

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8. (AP)—Cotton ginned prior to Oct. 1 was reported by the census bureau today to have totaled 5,408,307 bales, compared with 6,303,895 bales to that date last year and 5,903,265 two years ago.

Ginnings to Oct. 1 by states follow: Texas 2,269,319, Alabama 529,079, Arizona 11,778, Arkansas 268,764, California 27,853, Florida 32,653, Georgia 649,627, Louisiana 300,065, Mississippi 358,513, Missouri 32,531, New Mexico 5,568, North Carolina 215,733, Oklahoma 280,613, South Carolina 370,734, Tennessee 48,379, Virginia 6,294, all other states 634.

Ginnings include 181,966 round bales, counted as half bales, compared with 194,820 for 1930 and 163,337 for 1929; and 2,253 bales of American-Egyptian, compared with 3,882 for 1930 and 3,363 for 1929.

MISSISSIPPI FAVORS ACREAGE COT PLAN

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 8. (AP)—Mississippi's legislature has gone on record for curtailment of cotton acreage while the neighboring state of Arkansas seeks a statewide union of cotton relief legislation.

Yesterday the Mississippi house of representatives passed by slight amendment the senate-proposed bill to restrict cotton planting in 1932 and 1933 to thirty per cent of the area under cultivation. The act will be read for signature by the governor upon concurrence by the senate on the amendments.

Arkansas proposes SOUTHWIDE LEGISLATION

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct. 8. (AP)—Southwide union in cotton relief legislation through a conference of delegates from legislatures of cotton producing states was proposed today to the special session of the Arkansas legislature by the house committee on agriculture.

The house also received from the commission recommendations for passage of bills embodying the cotton "holiday" plan of Gov. Huey P. Long of Louisiana and the Texas cotton acreage reduction act.

The legislature, in the second day of its special session called by Gov. Harvey Parnell for consideration of cotton relief legislation and extension of the power of the state highway audit commission, moved toward its goal rapidly today. Bills patterned after both the Louisiana and the Texas plans were introduced yesterday in both houses.

The "southern union" resolution provides for the naming of five legislators to meet with similar commissions from other cotton producing states, with all committees backed by the "moral pledges" of their legislatures to pass any cotton relief plan agreed upon by a majority of the cotton conference.

Laborer Better

Refugio Perez, who suffered a broken rib and several fractured vertebrae in an accident on the postoffice razing job recently, is reported as recovering at the Mercy hospital.

Dr. H. K. Loew, attending physician, believes the workman will recover completely.

'SUPER-ELEGANT'



Beautiful?—Yes—but Mme. Grete Horty is more than that. She was adjudged winner of a recent contest held in Paris to find Europe's "super-elegant woman." She was already famed as a society beauty in Budapest, Hungary.

NEWS SERVICE OPENS MONDAY

Citrus Fruit Deal Expected To Be Included In Reports

Market News service for Lower Rio Grande Valley farmers and citrus growers will be started Monday by the United States Department of Agriculture.

A telegram was received today from George stating he would arrive Monday. The regular service will probably not be under way until Oct. 15.

The service is opened this year several months earlier than in the past, and is expected to include the citrus fruit deal for the first time. In the past it dealt only with vegetables.

Daily market reports, giving shipments from the Valley and other parts of the United States, will be issued. These reports also give market quotations and other information on the handling of fruits and vegetables.

Jap Airplanes Drop 36 Bombs

PEIPING, China, Oct. 8. (AP)—J. G. Thompson, British manager of Peiping-Mukden railroad, reported today that 12 Japanese airplanes had dropped thirty-six bombs on the town of Chinchow, 150 miles south of Mukden, inflicting an undetermined number of casualties.

He said the bombs were directed chiefly at the university buildings which temporarily house the headquarters of the Manchurian provincial government. One bomb was said to have hit a railroad service car and killed two Chinese servants while another struck a locomotive shed. Telegraphic communication with the town was interrupted.

TOKYO, Oct. 8. (AP)—Rengo news agency received word from Mukden today saying Chinese reports indicated Chang Hsueh-Liang, governor of Manchuria under the Chinese nationalist regime, was concentrating military forces at Chinchow.

The latter city is on the Peiping-Mukden railway and about 125 miles southwest of Mukden. Chang's capital, which has been held by Japanese troops since their occupation of southern Manchuria September 18.

Welder Arrested

ARCHIE HICKEY, Oct. 8. (AP)—Tex McClellan, welder, was under arrest here today on a charge of being an accessory in connection with robbery of the First State Bank at Dundee.

Dist. Atty. O. M. Wylie alleged McClellan aided in opening the safe with an acetylene torch after it had been taken from the bank vault and moved some 20 miles from Dundee in a truck.

Edison Restless

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Oct. 8. (AP)—Thomas A. Edison spent a very restless night but did not appear weaker today, his physician, Dr. Hubert S. Howe, announced in his morning bulletin.

"Mr. Edison passed a very restless night," the bulletin read. "He ate a fair breakfast and does not appear to be weaker than last night. His vitality is amazing."

MAN, JUDGED GUILTY, KILLS SELF IN COURT

Financier Turns Gun On Self When Jury Gives Verdict

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 8. (AP)—A moment after a jury had returned a verdict convicting him of 17 counts of grand theft and violation of the state corporate securities act, Harry S. McCormack drew a pistol and shot himself to death in court here last night.

Investors Lose

The 63-year-old Glendale, Calif., financier was convicted of having handled the affairs of two large finance and real estate companies so as to have caused a loss of \$345,000 to approximately 200 investors.

As the jury's verdict was read, McCormack arose from his seat at the end of the counsel table, threw back his head, drew the weapon from a coat pocket and fired a shot through his heart. He dropped, dying, at the end of the table.

There was no disorder. Judge Elliott Craig asked jurors and spectators to remain seated. Court attendants quickly removed McCormack to the judge's chamber. He was dead when police surgeons arrived.

Envelopes Left

Two envelopes were left on the counsel table by McCormack. One was addressed to the judge and the other to a newspaper. The former was empty, but the note in the latter declared the writer guilty of any attempt to defraud investors.

The concerns involved were the H. S. McCormack and Associates, Inc., and the Huntington Finance corporation, interlocking real estate and finance concerns.

McCormack had attributed failure of the two companies to the financial depression.

San Benito Cuts 1932 City Costs

(By Staff Correspondent) SAN BENITO, Oct. 8.—The San Benito city commission at a meeting here last night adopted a budget of \$86,589 for the fiscal year ending April, 1932.

This is a reduction of \$1,000 from the tentative budget outlined several weeks ago.

The principal cuts are in the street and bridge fund, and the chamber of commerce, the latter being cut from \$10,000 to \$7,000.

The commission named A. L. Montgomery, local attorney, to represent San Benito as a member of the governing board of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Conservation association.

Woman Communist Leader Arrested

LAWRENCE, Mass., Oct. 8. (AP)—Miss Edith Berkman, communist leader, was arrested for the second successive day as she led a column of 1,500 striking textile workers toward the court house where she was to be arraigned today. She had been arrested yesterday for speaking with, out a permit and was at liberty in \$200 bail.

To Quiz Jurors

NEWKIRK, Okla., Oct. 8. (AP)—The jurors who gave Earl Quinn the death penalty for the murder of Jesse Griffith, slain with her sister, Zexia, on a highway last December, were summoned to appear in district court here tomorrow as counsel made ready its motion for a new trial.

"We will ask that jurors be called to the stand an d tell if they read newspapers during progress of the trial and if they separated," said James Mathers, Quinn's lawyer, today.

State Rests

GAINESVILLE, Oct. 8. (AP)—The state rested its case today against Frank Bracken, ex-service man, on trial for the slaying of Motorcycle Officer William E. Johns.

Two state witnesses testified they were eye witnesses to the shooting July 24. Price Deitz said Bracken leveled a shotgun at Johns, who was standing across the street.

Dismissal Asked

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 8. (AP)—Frank Russell, oil man, moved in federal court today to dismiss the suit he had filed to enjoin enforcement of Gov. Murray's martial law shutdown of oil fields.

The petition, signed by Russell himself, was not acted on immediately by the court.

DUPLICATION IN TAX WORK POINTED OUT

Galbraith Says Cuts In County Expenses Are Necessary

(By Staff Correspondent) RIO HONDO, Oct. 8.—A crowd of 150 persons vigorously applauded H. B. Galbraith, Brownsville attorney, here last night as he attacked the Cameron county administration for the manner in which public funds have been handled and related necessity for a drastic cut in all governmental expenditures.

J. R. George of Rio Hondo, who presided over the meeting, told the audience that the time had come to face facts as they are without blinking, and commended Maj. Galbraith as one who knew whereof he spoke.

"Concerted public action is necessary to secure the much-needed drastic economy in the operation of the county and other political subdivisions," Galbraith stated.

Collection Attacked

"Did you know that there are 57 separate and distinct taxing agencies in Cameron county alone, each with its tax assessor and tax collector and other officials and employees, many of them absolutely duplicating the work of the others?" the Brownsville man asked his audience.

A vigorous attack against delinquent tax collection contracts made by the commissioners' court and officials of various districts was made by Galbraith, who denounced the system as unfair and unjust to the taxpayer.

He believed that the collection of public funds is a public function which should be attended to by duly elected public officials, rather than by a private firm which is in it for the money it can make," he stated.

The principle of collection of these taxes by private firms has been broken down in the larger counties of the state, Galbraith asserted.

Creation of its own delinquent tax collection department by the county under the direction of the county attorney was advocated by the speaker as a solution of the problem.

Expenses Offset

"Reduction in costs to the taxpayer would more than offset the cost of operation of such a county agency," he asserted.

Paying his respects to the office of the county engineer, Galbraith asserted that the work now being done by that department at a cost to the county of \$50,000 a year would be gladly handled under contract by any reputable Valley engineer at a price ranging from \$3,500 to \$5,000 a year.

Following the meeting an informal discussion revealed that Rio Hondo voters will discuss with Judge A. V. Logan, county commissioner, various economies suggested by Galbraith and will urge Judge Logan to insist on action by the commissioners' court along the lines indicated.

Next meeting to be addressed by Galbraith will be held Friday night at Santa Rosa, where a crowd of 500 is expected.

Vegetable Co-op Ready For Work

(Special to The Herald.) WESLACO, Oct. 8.—The newly formed Valley vegetable cooperative, a branch of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation, will probably start operations about Nov. 15, N. H. Allen, federal farm board representative, said at a meeting with 150 Weslaco farmers at the city hall here last night.

Q. B. Leeper, president of the National Fruit and Vegetable Exchange, Inc., talked briefly to the Valley people. His organization is to be the marketing agency for the Valley cooperative. He explained the economy of its formation and operation, and its effectiveness.

He mentioned the fact that the Valley cooperative is the youngest. Allen in closing his talk praised the Valley cooperative for its clear-cut organization.

Price Trial On

AUSTIN, Oct. 8. (AP)—H. Grady Chaudier, professor of law in the University of Texas, formerly an assistant attorney general, testified before the Texas senate today in the impeachment trial of District Judge J. B. Price of Bastrop, that he had warned the respondent some of the items he approved in a claim of the late Sheriff John T. Carlisle of Lee county were illegal.

Labor Heads Meet